

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 28, 2007.

Claims 25, 36 and 48 are amended. Claim 49 is added. Claims 25-49 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 25-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Xu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,563,902). This rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims have been amended to recite that the optical resonator is formed of silicon. This amendment is consistent with the previous amendment regarding a non-active intrinsic portion of the junction. In other words, light is not actively generated in silicon. Xu et al., only describes embodiments formed of Al, Ga and As, not silicon. Since the functions performed by the layers is quite different, this is not merely the substitution of materials, but a very different structure. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 48 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,563,902). This rejection is respectfully traversed, as amended claim 48 also recites a resonator that modulates light from an external source, and Xu et al., does not describe such a device.

New claim 49 is believed to distinguish from Xu et al., at least for the same reasons as claim 48. It also recites that the optical resonant cavity receives light from an external source. This further clarifies the non-active nature of the device.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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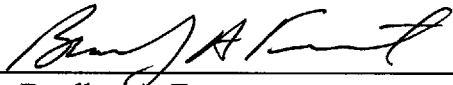
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